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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 18th January 2025

Pushya edition of Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava today

Mysuru, Jan. 18- Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust, Mysuru, has organised the 'Pushya' edition of Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava on Pushya Bahula Panchami today (Jan. 18) at 5.30 pm at Champaka Sabhangana, Champaka Academy premises in Ramakrishnanagar, showcasing Bharatanatyam performances by accomplished artistes.

The evening will start with a Bharatanatyam performance by Vidu. Jyothi N. Hegde and her disciples trained at Lasyaranjana Nrutya Shale.

Performances by disciples of *Karnataka Kalatilaka* Guru Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy will follow to enthral the audience. These students are trained by her under her prestigious institution Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), Mysuru.

B.K. Achutha, Chairman of Infopine Consultancy Private Limited, Mysuru and *Karnataka Kalatilaka* Guru Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy (Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee) will be the guests for the event, according to a press release from Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust Founder Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

BEING ANGRY WITH ONESELF: ***Anger is probably the most common negative (or positive?) emotion that one feels. Often it occurs with regret in tow. Anger is often considered an undesirable and even dangerous emotion that makes people irrational in their reactions to the angering person or circumstance. Anger can cause people to behave impulsively and without inhibition.***

Anger can be infectious and amplify into a revolution against oppressors. Righteous indignation creates an indomitable resolve to fight back against perpetrators of injustice. It is a desirable feeling. It makes people question *status quo.* ***It scripts history. All revolutions happen because people are angry with the establishment.***

Violence in some form — overt or covert, usually accompanies anger. In individuals, anger can be a high energy consuming experience if it becomes chronic. It can tire the angry person and leave him or her listless. It kills motivation and the need to be happy. The person finds "pleasure in being angry" because it is a 'high' like no other drug. People who don't feel angry are usually abnormal. Anger often reminds a person that he or she is human. When suppressed, it can turn into rage which in turn causes many mental illnesses.

There was a time in my life when I was very angry with myself for not having done a laundry list of things that make one "successful." But now, I realise that it was a drain on my mental resources. I was being a sore loser and a very unhealthy one at that. Most things in life are not in our control.

There is no point in me being angry with people, because I don't control their thoughts and actions. There is no point in being angry with situations because they often get worse when I am angry and confused. In such situations there is very little I can do other than go with the flow. Better to enjoy the journey, its sights and sounds, than fret about how imperfect they are.

Being angry with myself is a miserable feeling. Because I keep going in circles thinking the same negative thoughts like a person who is obsessive-compulsive. How do I shake off this feeling?

Stop regretting! If you go straight for the regret's jugular, your anger diminishes. Knock out regret and self-indignation disappears. The key is to realise that the self-torture that accompanies regret makes one punish oneself in anger. Counting your blessings helps.

The other way is to believe in destiny. Destiny, whether you admit it or not, will never make you walk a certain path without purpose. Trust that you are in the best place, at the best time, in the best situation, with the right people, as can be. It is really that simple. *—Sridhar Prasad Sachidananda in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

UK influencer receives 'Woman Tax'

United Kingdom: Camilla Do Rosario is a social media influencer, hitting controversy following her strange parenting agreement with her husband.

She shared a video on social media, with a caption stating that her husband pays her a monthly "woman tax" as a form of compensation, for the challenges she face while carrying and raising their children. According to Camilla, her husband gives her 85 Pounds (Rs 9,000) every two weeks, which sums up to about 2,500 pounds (Rs. 2,63,783) per year.

She uses this money for meeting personal expenses, such as getting her nails done, as a way to offset the physical and emotional toll of motherhood. This has been criticised by some as an unnecessary financial transaction within a family, while others see it as an innovative way to recognise the sacrifices of a mother.

"This tax is to compensate me for the fact that I have to have a period every single month, had two brutal pregnancies where I vomited most days, and then I had two C-sections," she tells.

CEO's post on hubby's 'Zero Achievements'

USA: A LinkedIn post shared by a US-based CEO of a cybersecurity company has gone viral on social media. In the post, Stacey Champagne, CEO of Hackers in Heels, has jokingly criticised her husband's 'Zero Achievements' in 2024.

"I had multiple clear-cut career accomplishments in 2024. My husband? Zero. No certifications. No college courses completed. No documentary features. No awards," she wrote. "'How do you *do* that?!' I asked from across the dining table, 'how are you able to go through a whole year without doing any of these sort of things and be OK?' He didn't have a response," she added, stating that the response gave her so much to unpack.

Champagne's post quickly went viral on social media, with many users shocked by the uncalled nature of the post. The barrage of comments even prompted her husband, a US Navy personnel, to react.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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By Dr. Amulya K.G, Consultant - Obstetrics & Gynaecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Jan. 18- **Puttalakshmamma** has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Hunasuru Talukina Budakattu Samudayagalu: Samskruthika Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K. Thimmaiah.

J. Meghana has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science by the University of Mysore for her thesis titled 'Cluster Based Data Aggregation Model for Social Internet of Things' submitted under the guidance of Dr. J. Hanumanthappa.

N. Vasantha Kumar has been awarded Ph.D in Biotechnology by UoM for his thesis 'Synthesis of Chitosan Based Copper Nanoparticles for the Management of Fusarium Wilt of Banana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S. Lokesh.

Shilpashree has been awarded Ph.D in Zoology by the University of Mysore for her thesis 'Comparison of Fertility Enhancing Property of Withania Somnifera Grown in Black Soil and Red Soil: A Study in Male Drosophila Melanogaster' submitted under the guidance of Dr. J.S. Ashadevi.

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REALLY...?

- ***Peacocks are the males in this species of bird. The females are called peahens. They do not have elaborate feathers like the males.***
- ***Although these birds can fly, they spend most of their time running on the ground.***

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Teacher: *Gita, what did you do when Ganesh called you a liar.*
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Teacher: *Very good, what soft answer did you give him?*
Gita: *I hit him with a soft tomato and a soft egg!!*

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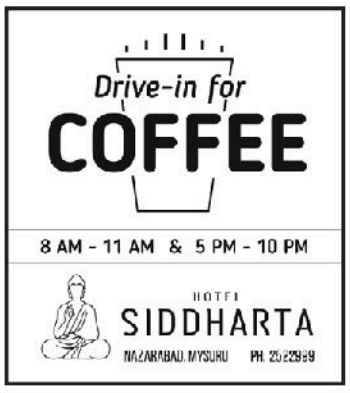

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MUDA 50:50 Sites Scam Probe

ED freezes 142 properties in Mysuru worth Rs. 300 cr.

Money routed via Co-operative Society to purchase property, luxury vehicles

Bengaluru, Jan. 18 (BCT)- The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru Zonal Office, has provisionally attached 142 immovable properties having a market value of Rs. 300 crore under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with the case against Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and others.

The attached properties are registered under the names of various individuals working as real estate businessmen and agents. The attachment is part of a probe into alleged irregularities in land allotment by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA). Under its 50:50 sites scheme, MUDA used to take land and in lieu of it the owners who lost the land were compensated with alternative land elsewhere in Mysuru.

"Enforcement Directorate, Bangalore, has provisionally attached 142 immovable properties having a market value of Rs. 300 crore (approximate) registered in the name of various individuals who are working as real estate businessmen and agents under the provisions of the PMLA, 2002 in connection with the case against Siddaramaiah, the incumbent CM, and others," a statement from the ED read.

Based on Lokayukta FIR

ED initiated an investigation based on an FIR registered by the Mysuru Lokayukta Police under various Sections of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against Siddaramaiah and others.

It is alleged that Siddaramaiah has used his political influence to get compensation for 14 sites in the name of his wife B.M. Parvathi in place of 3 acres and 16 guntas of land at Kesare-Devanur Survey Number 464, acquired by the MUDA.

(See PROPERTIES on page 6)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled ***"Act today, tomorrow it may be too late."*** —Ed

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NEWS BRIEFS

Navodaya Entrance Exam

The entrance exam for admission to 9th and 11th standards (2025-26) at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, DMG Halli in the taluk, will be held on Feb. 8 (11.15 am to 1.45 pm) at 4 centres in the city. The applicants can download their admit cards from the website: ***www.navodaya.gov.in.*** The exam for admission to 9th standard will take place at Maharaja's PU College (High School section), JLB Road and Government PU College (High School), People's Park, Nazarbad, while the exam for admission to 11th standard will take place at Sri Vani Vilasa Ursu Girls High School and Maria Niketana High School, Bogadi. For details, contact Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya on Ph: 0821-2970040.

Preliminary meets on Jan. 20

The preliminary meeting of Savita Maharshi Jayanti celebration will take place at 11 am, Madivala Machideva Jayanti celebration at 11.15 am and Kayaka Sharana Jayanti celebration at 11.30 am on Jan. 20 at the Deputy Commissioner's Office on Bannur Road in Siddarthanagar. Additional DC P. Shivaraju will chair the meeting, according to a press release.

Bones & Joints check-up camp

Suyog Hospital, Ramakrishnanagar, Mysuru, will be conducting a week-long free Bones & Joints Camp at its premises from Jan. 20 to 26. There will be a 30 percent discount on tests/ scans prescribed by doctors. The members of the public are appealed to make use of this camp. For details and registration, contact Ph: 0821-2566966 or Mob: 99863-99862.

Admission to Military Academy

The Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement has invited applications from eligible 7th standard boy and girl students from Karnataka for admission to 8th standard at Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, through an eligibility test, which is scheduled to take place at Bengaluru on June 1, 2025. The applicant students must be aged between 11½ and 13 years (born between Jan. 2, 2013 and July 15, 2014). The interested students can submit the application forms at the Department office located at No. 58, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Bhavan, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Road, Bengaluru - 560025, before Mar. 31. For details, contact Ph: 080-25589459.

Measures to boost Mysuru tourism sector underway

Tenders floated to develop Varuna Lake as an adventure sports destination: DC

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (BCT)- Mysuru district, renowned for its rich cultural heritage and scenic beauty, holds immense potential for tourism development.

Lakshmikanth Reddy

Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy emphasised this during a District Tourism Development Committee meeting.

He announced the preparation of a comprehensive report to identify and implement measures for enhancing the district's tourist spots.

Promoting homestays

The DC highlighted the unique charm of homestays, which offer visitors an authentic experience of village life. To maintain the essence of these establishments, he clarified that homestays should comprise no more than five rooms.

He also directed authorities to inspect urban hotels converting into homestays. He mandated that those who own smaller homestay setups with fewer than five rooms and reside on-site would not require conversion approvals.

The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner has been instructed to issue the necessary No Objection Certificates (NOC) to facilitate this process.

A file photo of men enjoying adventure sports at Varuna Lake.

Development of Varuna Lake

In a significant move, tenders have been issued for the development of Varuna Lake as a tourist attraction. Plans include introducing adventure sports and recreational activities such as zip lines, sky cycles and giant swings.

Joint Director of the Tourism Department, M.K. Savitha, was tasked with identifying two or three additional lakes in the district for establishing boating facilities.

Direct partnerships or private collaborations to enhance the Tourism Department's social media presence were also proposed at the meeting.

Swadesh Darshan 2.0

The meeting also shed light on the progress of the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 initiative by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. Under Phase 1 of the project, a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Mysuru Zoo and Karanji Lake has been submitted and tenders have been called for introducing Tonga rides and ecological experiences.

In Phase 2, the old Deputy Commissioner's Office in the heart of Mysuru city is set to be converted into a museum. The Detailed Project Report for this project has already been submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, and final approval and fund release are awaited.

Savitha told the meeting that homestays are not commercial enterprises but rather cultural assets that highlight the region's heritage. The Central Tourism Department is contributing to the district's efforts by installing selfie points and informational boards at prominent tourist destinations.

She further proposed that the official Mysuru logo be uniformly adopted across Government offices and other sectors to strengthen the city's brand identity.

The meeting was attended by MLC Vivekananda, Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. K.N. Basavaraju, DCP Muthuraju, Assistant Director of Tourism Department Prabhuswamy, GSS Yoga Institution's D. Srihari, Tourist Guides Association President Ashok and other district-level officials.

Simplify norms to issue e-Khata for properties: Ex-Mayor

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (PM&BS)- Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy has urged the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner to simplify the process of obtaining e-Khata for properties, for the ease of property owners.

Sandesh Swamy

In his letter to the MCC Commissioner, Swamy has said that the process of submitting documents to obtain e-Khata certificate under Form-17 should be simplified.

To obtain e-Khata, the property owners should submit the photo of the property, photo of the owner, aadhaar card, property tax receipt, electricity and water bills, approval letter of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Karnataka Housing Board (KHB) and private layouts, building plan, approval letter, sale deed and Completion Report (CR). The public feel traumatised until they submit all these documents.

However, e-Khata has proven easier in the transfer of assets, along with purchasing and selling the properties, with the application of digital system.

Apart from detecting the frauds, it helps in verifying the genuine documents. But the public have to face hassles to obtain the service.

Earlier, when Municipality was at the helm, a letter was sought from the Yajaman of the particular locality to enable the payment of property tax.

After the upgradation of Municipality to Corporation, the applications were converted to khata and tax related responsibilities and is now classified as Form-2.

The buildings that are 60 to 70 years old do not have CR, but the owners of those properties residing from the 50 to 60 years will be having the receipts of khata and property tax payments, which should be considered.

Instead of demanding the documents afresh, the MCC should limit the number of documents required. However, the new system should be applicable to freshly added tax payers, but there are complaints about old tax payers being troubled by the officers in the name of seeking documents.

The State Government had issued an order on Dec. 18, 2024 to distribute Form-2 within 15 days. Hence, the process of documentation should be simplified, Swamy has urged the MCC Commissioner.

Obituary

Sr. M. Clarabelle

Mysuru, Jan. 18- Sr. M. Clarabelle, CSST of Villa St. Joseph on Gaddige Road, Jettihundi, passed away this morning. She was 79.

Funeral Mass will be held at Villa St. Joseph today at 4 pm followed by burial.

N. Sheela

N. Sheela (73), daughter of late Narasimhamurthy and a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away here on Jan. 15. She leaves behind a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be conducted at the foot of Chamundi Hill tomorrow (Jan. 19) morning.

Mohammed Hameed

Mohammed Hameed (70), Proprietor of Paramount Cable (Hathway Cables) and a resident of Subashnagar, passed away on Jan. 16.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, four daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held yesterday after Namaz-e-Zohar at Masjid-e-Hayath Saab followed by burial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

VOICE OF THE READER

Establish a cultural centre as a fitting tribute to the CM

Sir,

It was heartening to read the news report titled ***"I never asked to name any road after me: CM Siddaramaiah"*** in *Star of Mysore* dated Jan. 11.

Further, the CM has made a profound statement that if the Road (Princess Road) already has a name, it should remain unchanged !

In my two letters published in this column, I had urged the CM as under:

"I wish the CM would show the same grace and maturity and direct the MCC and his MLA from this foolhardy perfidy."

"I sincerely hope, as suggested by Sandesh Swamy, the Chief Minister intervenes in the matter and puts an end to the unseemly fracas."

I am glad our CM has shown political perspicacity to end this unseemly fracas !

I wish, as KBG had rightly suggested, a NCPA (National Centre for the Performing Arts) like cultural centre is established by K. Harishgowda, MLA, as a more fitting tribute to the CM as a lasting contribution to the city.

Last Maharaja of Mysore Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar was part of an illustrious Board of Advisors of NCPA.

NCPA was founded in 1969 by J.R.D. Tata and Dr. Jamshed Bhabha (his grandfather Hormusji Bhabha, who was Inspector-General of Education of Mysore and his aunt Lady Meherbai Tata, was an iconic personality). It is ably managed by my dear friend K.N. Suntook and is taking it to greater heights.

On my request, his orchestra SOI (Symphony Orchestra of India) had performed at Mysore Palace Durbar Hall during the Maharaja's Birth Anniversary.

I really wish KBG's bucket list is really implemented in the near future!

—Raja Chandra

Bengaluru
12.1.2025

Gopalak Sadan inaugurated at Mysore Pinjrapole

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (GA&DM)- The Gopalak Sadan, built for cattle owners out of the funds from generous donors, in the premises of Mysore Pinjrapole Society at the foot of Chamundi Hill, was inaugurated recently.

Speaking on the occasion, social worker Mahendra Singh Kalappa of Bannur said that he was engaged in regular cattle service (Gau Seva) and has been organising programmes in this regard.

Pointing out that he had thought of building a house for cattle owners, he said he donated funds in the name of his parents for the construction of the Sadan, thereby benefiting cattle owners. He lauded the Society for building 22 houses. He also provided financial assistance to poor students on the occasion.

Sumithi Jain, Ashok Jain, Vinod Jain, Gowri Devi, Rajesh Kumar, Dinesh Rajpurohit, Santosh Kumari, Narayanappa, Shivanna, Santosh, Vimala Bafna, Suyidinath Jain, Mani Prabhaji and others were present.

Raju Kshatriya Trust AGM tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 18- The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the city's Raju Kshatriya Trust will take place at the Trust premises located at CH-15, Pampapati Road (First Main Road), Behind Law Courts, Saraswathipuram at 11 am tomorrow, according to a press release.

Get your pencil sketch portrait in 10 minutes !

Artistry takes centre stage at Bahuroopi Theatre Festival

Artist Rajashekar creating black-and-white portrait of a visitor at his stall at the ongoing Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival at Rangayana.

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (VNS)- The ongoing Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival at Rangayana has drawn hundreds of art-lovers and theatre buffs, eager to experience the best of plays, art and culture.

While visitors explore stalls offering books, khadi clothing, handicrafts, artefacts and delectable food, one particular stall has become a star attraction.

This stall, put up by Aramane School of Arts, where artist Rajashekar's works are displayed, has been captivating crowds with his remarkable talent for creating black-and-white portraits in just 10 minutes.

His skill in capturing intricate emotions through pencil sketches in such a short span has earned him widespread admiration from visitors.

Another section of the stall, managed by artist Shivakumar, features an array of black-and-white portraits that evoke nostalgia with depictions of traditional children's games like *bandi-aata* and *gilli-dandu*, along with bicycles, children's swings and serene landscapes that transport one back to childhood, bringing nostalgia.

Shivakumar's stunning wall paintings, ideal for enhancing living spaces, have also been a major draw. Notably, Shivakumar is celebrating 25 years (silver jubilee) of his dedicated service to the arts and the artistry showcased at this stall has become a highlight of the festival, adding a unique charm to the vibrant cultural celebration.

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Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Act today, tomorrow it may be too late

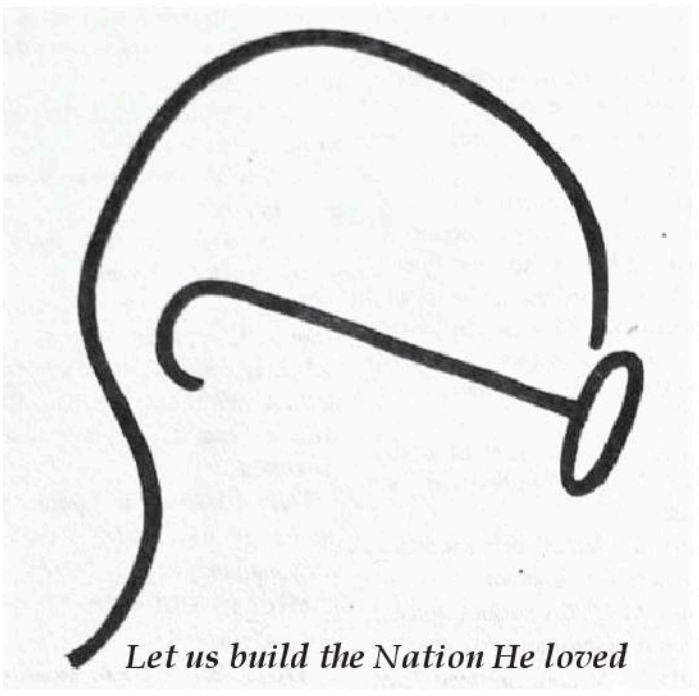
Yesterday I read this Abracadabra, published 31 years ago (Jan. 1, 1994) and sent to me by Dr. Bhamy V. Shenoy of MGP, dug out from MGP archive, with a remark "You may enjoy this Abracadabra." I thought enjoyment is for sharing, so here I reproduce it: ***Puck*** *was my earlier pen name for this column.*

Of all the New Year greeting cards I received, the one I liked most for its visual as well as the message was the one reproduced above. It was from **Mr. Tehmton R. Irani,** Managing Director of Ideal Jawa Ltd. It does not mean the others were not as creative, evocative and sentimental. But somehow I was immediately touched by the message of this card. I think the visual idea must have come from the Lok Sanchar Shikshana Sanghatan's TV message.

The message was important. **'Let us build the Nation HE loved'.** Well, the natural question is whether, he, Mahatma Gandhi, merely loved the nation leaving the task of building it to us. This might sound like blasphemy but the fact remains that we love our country all right but never bother to build it the way the message has suggested. What with the communal violence and disharmony, parochial approach to national problems, corruption and, of course, our rulers who have no character and integrity. **Politicians who refuse to become Statesmen can never build a Nation that Gandhiji dreamt of.**

In this kind of a situation where our country is converted into an area of darkness, our nation submerged in total political and economic upheaval, we are indeed lucky to find some people, who despite the encircling gloom, remain upright and optimistic and dare to accept the challenge to build the nation that he (Mahatma) loved.

They want to play the role of torch-bearers to fulfil the dream of Mahatma and in our City their number, right now, is eleven.



Let us build the Nation He loved

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Dr. (Mrs) Crysta Manjrekar.

These idealists are launching this evening a movement called **'Mysore Lokswaraj Andolan'** at the Institution of Engineers Hall to translate the wish of Mr. Tehmton R. Irani "Let us build the Nation HE loved" into a reality. Lokswaraj Andolan, fashioned after its namesake in Bombay headed by Madhu Mehta, has a brief constitution and the most important article in it is No. 2 that deals with aims and objectives. Let me quote:

"The movement shall uphold the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India at all times. It shall have full faith in the basic ideals enshrined in the Constitution of India such as Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, Democracy, Secularism and Social Justice.

The movement aims at:

1. Educating the people about their rights and obligations in a democratic setup.

2. Making the elected representatives, civil servants and people holding public offices disciplined, responsive to the needs of the people and accountable.

3. Upholding honesty and integrity in public life and administration and strengthen the rule of law.

4. Upholding human values and discouraging fundamentalism, obscurantism and intolerance in all forms connected with religion, regionalism, language, caste, creed and ideologies such as capitalism and communism.

5. Working genuinely towards the uplift of the deprived sections of society."

Indeed, if these aims and objectives are achieved, I have no doubt, our country that "HE" loved will surely be built beautifully sooner than it would otherwise take. It may look like Utopian ideals, but then great things are achieved only if our goals are above our reach. Of course, these 11 noble souls may need some young and dynamic persons also with the same spirit to make their dream come true.

Therefore, it is necessary that those who have the same kind of thought and concern, but have not been able to find a movement to contribute their mite to help the nation, may now grab this opportunity and join these wonderful Founding Members of Mysore Lokswaraj Andolan.

The time to act is now. The time to play your role is now. Tomorrow it may be too late.

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ED freezes 142 properties in Mysuru worth Rs. 300 cr.

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MUDA originally acquired the land for Rs. 3,24,700. The compensation in the form of 14 sites at posh localities of Vijayanagar Third and Fourth Stages is worth Rs. 56 crore (approximately). The role of former MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh has emerged as instrumental in the illegal allotment of compensation sites to Parvathi.

This land was gifted to Parvathi by her brother B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy and it was acquired by MUDA to develop the Devanur residential layout. While the 50:50 scheme was scrapped in 2020, Parvathi was a beneficiary of the scheme even after its scrapping, the ED stated.

Ill-gotten wealth unearthed

Searches conducted during the investigation further revealed that a large number of sites, other than 14 sites allotted to Parvathi, have been illegally allotted by MUDA as compensation to real estate businessmen, who in turn have sold these sites at huge profits and generated huge amounts of unaccounted cash.

The profit so generated has been laundered and shown as derived from legitimate sources in the MUDA records and in other account statements. The searches also revealed that sites have been allotted in the name of benamis/dummy persons of influential persons and real estate businessmen.

The incriminating pieces of evidence concerning payment of illegal gratification to the then MUDA Chairman and MUDA Commissioner in the form of immovable property, MUDA sites, cash, etc., were recovered.

It has also been revealed that the illegal gratification was routed through a Co-operative Society — to mask their origin — for the purchase of property, luxury vehicles etc. in the name of relatives of another former MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar. Further investigation is under progress.

We are only investigating the case registered with the Lokayukta in Mysuru regarding the 14 sites approved for B.M. Parvathi, wife of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. We will submit the investigation report to the Court on Jan. 25. The Enforcement Directorate is investigating all cases in MUDA. Their investigation is independent of ours and has no relation to our investigation."

— Dr. Subramanyeswara Rao, ADGP, Lokayukta

Major victory for BJP-JD(S) fight against sites scam: Vijayendra

Vijayendra

Bengaluru, Jan. 18 (BCT)- Terming it as a "major victory against MUDA scam," State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra said the ED investigation has exposed "significant corruption" involving Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

In a post on X, Vijayendra said, "Major victory in our fight against the MUDA Scam! The ED's investigation has exposed significant corruption involving CM Siddaramaiah, who allegedly used his political influence to illegally allocate sites in the name of his wife. The allocation of sites to benamis and dummies of influential persons further highlights the systemic corruption at play."

He also criticised Congress for undermining the Governor's constitutional authority. "When Governor granted sanction for prosecution of Siddaramaiah, the Congress party spared no effort in insulting and undermining the constitutional authority of the Governor. The Karnataka High Court had also upheld the Governor's decision, emphasising that the allegations against the CM's family warranted deeper investigation," he said.

The BJP Chief also emphasised that the BJP and JD(S) have been relentless in their protests, both within and outside the Assembly, against this "blatant misuse" of power by the CM and his proteges. He mentioned that the ED's findings not only validate their persistent fight against corruption but also prove that there is more to this than meets the eye.

"This is also a big slap on those who were quick to deride our campaign against corruption! This revelation is merely tip of the iceberg. It is alleged that thousands of crores in public money have been misappropriated in this scam. A comprehensive CBI investigation is required to uncover the full extent of this scam," Vijayendra said. **"If Siddaramaiah values the integrity of his office, he must step down immediately and allow an impartial probe to proceed. People of Karnataka deserve transparency, accountability and justice," he said.**

Fresh DPR submitted for Chamundi Hill development

Tenders to be called once Centre approves revised works and releases Rs. 45.71 crore

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (BCT)- A revised Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been submitted for the development of the Chamundeshwari Temple and its surrounding areas under the Central Government's Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme.

The State Tourism Department has submitted this DPR to the Central Tourism Department and the State Government anticipates the release of funds upon approval.

However, a long-standing dispute between the Government and the erstwhile Mysore royal family regarding the ownership of the Chamundeshwari Temple and the formation of Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority has stalled the implementation of PRASHAD scheme.

Current MP and the scion of the Mysore royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has withheld consent for the project, creating significant challenges for officials. Consequently, the timeline for commencing this long-discussed project remains uncertain.

As per the Central Government's directives, the revised DPR has been prepared, detailing a proposed grant of Rs. 45.71 crore under the PRASHAD scheme.

Joint Director of Tourism Department M.K. Savitha told *Star of Mysore* that the final and revised DPR has been submitted to the Centre and tenders will be called once the funds are released.

Devotee amenities

The initiative aims to enhance facilities for devotees and tourists visiting Chamundi Hill and to develop prominent pilgrimage and tourist spots sustainably and comprehensively. The plan identifies six key locations on the Hill for focused development.

The project encompasses a range of enhancements, including improved queue lines, renovations to the temple courtyard, and enhanced toilet facilities within the Chamundeshwari Temple complex.

Around the Mahishasura Statue Plaza, the plans include the installation of a decorative fountain and lighting, the construction of a new Police Booth, information centre and control room, along with additional seating arrangements and drinking water facilities. A stone entrance gate and nameplates will also be installed.

Devikere beautification

At Devikere, the proposal includes constructing a stone pavilion and entrance gate, landscaping the garden, renovating steps and building new toilet facilities.

Near the Nandi Statue, the project aims to provide queue lines, drinking water provisions, seating arrangements and ground cover beautification.

For devotees climbing the steps to the Hill Temple, the plans include the installation of railings on both sides of the steps, shelters to protect from rain, drinking water facilities and seating areas for resting.

Informational boards will be installed along the pathway. Additionally, the general Hill development will involve the construction of a concrete road from the Temple's entrance gate, installation of water pipelines, comprehensive beautification and area improvements, and installation of CCTV cameras at strategic points for enhanced security.

The DPR emphasises creating a seamless and enriching experience for pilgrims and tourists alike, balancing heritage conservation with modern amenities. However, the dispute over ownership and governance continues to be a major impediment. Unless resolved, these issues may further delay the realisation of this ambitious project.

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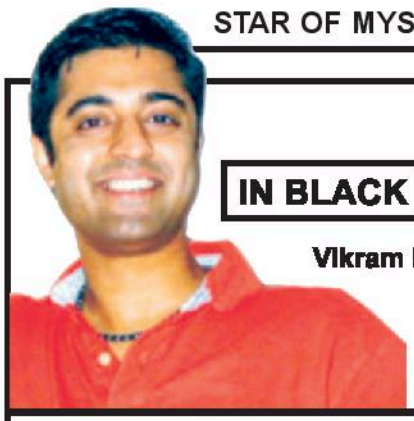

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Vikram Muthanna

Nothing to fear even if ED & CBI are here...

The Mysuru Lokayukta Police is due to submit its report regarding Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site controversy to the High Court on Jan. 25.

Meanwhile, yesterday, the Enforcement Directorate (ED), investigating the CM and others, attached 142 immovable properties worth Rs. 300 crore under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

But before jumping to conclusions that the noose is tightening around the CM, one must consider the conviction record and competence of India's investigative agencies. If we do, we'll know Siddaramaiah has little reason to worry.

The track record of the ED and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in securing convictions is less than stellar.

For inspiration to avoid perspiration, Siddaramaiah needs to look no further than his Deputy Chief Minister, D.K. Shivakumar.

Despite raids yielding cash at his Delhi residence, his daughter being summoned for questioning and ongoing investigations, Shivakumar continues his political activities unabated.

The Deputy CM's care-free attitude probably doesn't stem from confidence in his innocence but more from his confidence in the inefficiency and malleability of these investigative agencies.

Both the ED and the CBI have a dismal record of securing convictions. The ED secured its first-ever conviction under the PMLA 12 years after the Act came into force.

Passed in 2005, the first conviction came in January 2017, involving Jharkhand's former Minister Hari Narayan Rai, who laundered Rs. 3.7 crore.

As of today, out of 5,297 cases lodged under PMLA, only 40 convictions have been achieved and of these, three were acquitted!

This abysmal track record has not gone unnoticed. In August 2024, a three-Judge Supreme Court bench remarked that the ED must adopt "scientific investigation" methods, focusing on quality prosecution and evidence instead of relying on affidavits and oral statements that may not stand in Court.

The CBI fares no better. While political parties frequently demand CBI investigations to tilt political scales, the agency's performance has been lacklustre.

According to a 2023 report by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), over 6,900 corruption cases investigated by the CBI are still pending trial. Of these, 361 cases have been pending for more than 20 years!

Speaking of incompetence, some may recall the Naval War Room Leak case where Lt. Commander Ravi Shankaran stole classified documents and passed them to a defence contractor, to secure a 3-billion-pound submarine deal with the Indian Navy.

Despite being arrested twice by the CBI, Shankaran escaped both times from the clutches of the CBI!

Eventually, he surrendered in London, but in 2023, a British Court quashed his extradition. The Court ruled that India had failed to even present a 'prima facie' case against him.

It's shocking that after 10 years, our investigating agency couldn't even make a case that 'prima facie' showed there was a case.

Adding insult to injury, the Court criticised India's 'sluggish' judicial system and ordered the CBI to pay Shankaran over Rs. 1 crore for his legal expenses.

Similarly, Vijay Mallya's extradition case revealed systemic delays. In 2017, a UK Judge mocked India's legal procedures and investigation saying *"Are Indians normally very prompt in their responses? They have taken six months so far and we haven't got any further forward in the past 6 weeks?"*

The delays and lack of strong evidence allowed Mallya to enjoy extended bail, dragging the case further out.

Another example is the 1994 Ludhiana murder case where the CBI filed murder charges against Police Officer Sumedh Singh.

Now 30 years have passed and the case is still going on. During this time, the Officer facing the murder charge, Sumedh Singh, continued to be in Police service and even became the Director General of Punjab Police!

Even at the State-level, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) formed in 2016, so far according to 2021 data, has booked 1,814 cases, of which conviction took place in just 10 cases. That's a conviction rate of 0.55%!

The Lokayukta registered 4,680 cases between 2000 and 2021 and had conviction in 878 cases, which is a strike rate of just 18%!

With this in context, Siddaramaiah has little reason to fear the ED's actions. Evidence and investigations are more likely to be used as bargaining chips in political negotiations rather than instruments of justice.

So, while the ED and CBI might make headlines with their raids and seizures, Siddaramaiah can rest easy. The evidence collected will likely gather dust, and convictions, if they ever come, will take years.

For now, the Chief Minister has nothing to fear, even if the ED and CBI are here.

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105th Convocation Ceremony of University of Mysore

Old Varsities must be infused with more grants: Dr. T.P. Singh

*The recipients of Honoris Causa — (seated left to right) **former Chairman of Infosys Foundation Sudha Murty, Founder of Rajarajeswari Group of Institutions Dr. A.C. Shanmugam and Global CEO and Managing Director of Samia-Sabinsa Group Shaheen Majeed — are seen with** (standing left to right) **Registrar of UoM V.R. Shylaja, faculty of Bio-Technology, Department of Bio-Physics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, Prof. Dr. T.P. Singh, Higher Education Minister Dr. M.C. Sudhakar, Vice-Chancellor of UoM Prof. N.K. Lokanath and Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. N. Nagaraja. Picture right shows a section of audience.*

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (BLU&BS)- Prof. Dr. T.P. Singh, a faculty of Bio-Technology, Department of Bio-Physics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, observed that the country can prosper in the field of higher education, by recruiting more faculty and improving basic infrastructural facilities, with a special emphasis on infusing the old and popular Universities with more grants.

He was delivering Convocation address at the 105th Convocation Ceremony of University of Mysore (UoM), held at Senate Hall, in Crawford Hall, the administrative building of Mysore Varsity, this morning.

Prof. Singh said, the country boasts of qualified manpower in medical sector and the hospitals are well equipped with basic amenities, that have made the country, a popular destination for medical tourism. With this, the country has all chances of emerging as a big industry. If we make further efforts, by improving the basic amenities, the students flying abroad for higher education, can avail of similar education here.

When compared to other technologies, biotechnology is witnessing a stupendous growth, thanks to the advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI), that has brought in a new vigour.

"Globally, India stands fourth in software related services, but given the strides made in the realm of medicine, we should have reached top position by now. When it comes to export, India ranks ninth, calling for more investment in this area too," said Prof. Singh.

*GOLDEN GIRLS: **Seen are** (from left) **M.R. Bhoomika (18 medals), U.A. Kavyashree (16 medals), Seema Hegde (13 medals), C. Kavya (11 medals) and Vivena (10 medals).***

According to available statistics, in the year 2024, a total 2.77 lakh Ph.Ds were awarded across the globe, with US alone awarding 77,000 Ph.Ds, followed by China - 56,000 and India - 23,000. In publication of research articles too, India stands third. "We should have performed better by investing more on education in Varsity, mainly in the field of technology, matching the current population of the country," asserted Prof. Singh.

Medallists speak

M.R. Bhoomika, emerged as the top medallist, sweeping 18 gold medals and 4 cash prizes in M.Sc Chemistry. "As a child, whenever I passed through Crawford Hall, my father, who was accompanying me, was prescient about my success one day. Now my father is not amidst us, but his prediction has come true," she recalled with pride.

U.A. Kavyashree has received 16 gold medals in Masters in Urban Planning. A native of Dakshina Kannada, which is frequently prone to floods, her next aim is to adopt innovative planning methods to avoid the dangers of flood.

Vivena, a nun at a missionary in Iratti, Kannur, Kerala and a native of Gonikoppa in Kodagu, has secured 10 gold medals and 2 cash prizes in MSc Botany. Her aim is to crack UGC-NET and contribute to the success of the students, who want to achieve in the field of education.

Seema Hegde has secured 13 gold medals and one cash prize, in MA Sanskrit. A native of Kalache, a remote village in Uttara Kannada district, she is married to the family of priests, with a strong influence of Sanskrit, that naturally helped her in landing the achievement.

C. Kavya from Kunigalu in H.D. Kote taluk, Mysuru district, has got 11 gold medals and five cash prizes. She is currently studying B.Ed and wants to become a teacher.

Basamma Guraha Matad, a visually challenged student from Belagavi, has secured a gold medal in MA Political Science.

She was inspired by Rashtrakavi Kuvempu, who had served as the VC of University of Mysore, that brought her all the way to Mysuru. Next, she wants to do Ph.D and fly to USA for pursuing higher studies.

Hon. Doctorates conferred

Honoris Causa (Honorary Doctorates) was conferred on Dr. A.C. Shanmugam, Founder of Rajarajeswari Group of Institutions and Shaheen Majeed, Global CEO and Managing Director of Samia-Sabinsa Group. While Dr. Babu K. Veeregowda, Vice-Chairman and Chief, HNTB, North East Division, also a recipient of Honoris Causa, skipped the ceremony.

Former Chairman of Infosys Foundation Sudha Murty, was also conferred the Honoris Causa of the year 2020. She couldn't make it to the Convocation Ceremony then, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, also the Chancellor of the Varsity, skipped the ceremony due to unavoidable circumstances. Higher Education Minister Dr. M.C. Sudhakar, VC of University of Mysore Prof N.K. Lokanath, Registrar V.R. Shylaja and Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. N. Nagaraja were present.

Total degrees awarded

A total of 31,689 students were awarded various degrees, including 9,277 male graduates and 15,808 females, 2,226 male Post-Graduates and 4,074 females, 164 Ph.D male awardees and 140 females. In all, 216 students were awarded gold medals and cash prizes, that included 139 females.

Workshop on GST and Cost Management in MSME

Mysuru, Jan. 18- The Mysuru Chapter of Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI), in association with Laghu Udyog Bharati, Karnataka, Mysuru Chapter, is conducting a half-day workshop on Jan. 24 from 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm at CMA Bhavan, #1420, 7th Cross, Krishnamurthypuram, Mysuru.

CMA Raveendranath Kaushik, FCMA, will speak on the topic 'GST Amnesty Scheme' while CMA M.K. Ravishankar, FCMA, speaks on 'Cost Management in MSME.'

The fraternity of MSME Mysuru and Members of the Institute can participate in the workshop. There is no entry fee but registration is compulsory. For details and registration, contact Mysuru Chapter of ICMAI on Mob: 99001-11552 or 97371-89222.

Columnist Dr. P. Sainath to inaugurate Mysuru Literary Fest-2025 tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 18- The 6th edition of Mysuru Literary Fest-2025, organised by Mysore Literary Association (MLA), will be inaugurated by Dr. P. Sainath, Columnist and Author, at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall in city tomorrow (Jan. 19) at 10 am.

Prof. K.C. Belliappa, Association President and former Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, will preside.

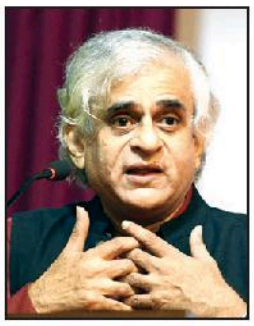
The formal inauguration will be followed by talks by various speakers: **Dr. B.S. Ajaikumar,** Oncologist and Entrepreneur, speaks on 'Doctorpreneur's Journey: Decades across Countries and Cultures' at 11.30 am; **Prof. S.M. Shivaprasad,** Senior Scientist, on 'Reimagining Indian Education for a Technologically Changing World' at 12.30 pm; **Prof. Rajendra Chenni,** Literary and Cultural Critic, on 'Conformity and Transgression: Women's Poetry in Kannada' at 2.30 pm while **Lavanya Prasad,** Professional Story-teller, speaks on 'What's your Story?' at 3.30 pm.

Here we publish the profiles of chief guest Dr. P. Sainath and the four guest speakers.

Participation in the Fest is free and open to all English literature lovers. For details and registration, contact **Mob: 99806-56631.**

Dr. P. Sainath

Magsaysay Prize Winner Dr. P. Sainath is an Indian journalist, who focuses on social and economic inequality, deprivation and poverty, particularly in rural India. Though the recipient of over 60 national and global awards for journalism, Sainath has also declined several — including the *Padma Bhushan* in 2009 — as he believes "journalists should never accept prizes and rewards from the governments they cover and critique."



Dr. Sainath has been conferred doctorates by several Universities. In India, he has taught journalism for 36 years. His book "Everybody Loves a Good Drought" was declared a Penguin Classic in 2013.

His more recent book, "The Last Heroes - Foot Soldiers of Indian Freedom" on India's anti-colonial freedom struggle, brings in a new innovation. The book consists of the life stories of 15 very ordinary people (farmers, labourers, cooks, couriers, carpenters and others) eight of whom are still alive.

At the end of each story is a QR code that, when scanned, takes readers to a 'Freedom Fighters Gallery' on PARI (People's Archive of Rural India) where they can see videos and photo albums of each fighter.

A journalist since 1980, he has spent, on average, around 270 days a year in India's poorest regions writing from there for India's largest newspapers, including *The Times of India* and *The Hindu*.

In 2014, Dr. Sainath launched PARI, a unique online project on rural India, with a bewildering array of stories, occupations, arts, music, culture and a lot more. PARI, which publishes in 15 languages, is a totally independent multimedia digital platform creating a unique database. PARI has won 68 national and international awards in the first 90 months of its existence.

Dr. Palagummi Sainath is now the A.D. White Professor-at-Large at Cornell University. He is also a Distinguished Professor at NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad.

Dr. B.S. Ajaikumar

Following his MBBS from St. John's Medical College, Bangalore, Dr. B.S. Ajaikumar completed Residency training in Oncology from the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, and Fellowship in Radiation and Medical Oncology from the renowned MD Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas. While building his practice in the US, he founded Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology, a Mysuru-based not-for-profit hospital in 1989. At the same time, along with a group of Oncologists, he incepted the Bangalore Institute of Oncology (BIO).

In 2003, Dr. Ajaikumar moved back to India with his family armed with a vision of expanding cancer care services. He realised his dream through HealthCare Global Enterprises Ltd. (HCG), a hub-and-spoke institution headquartered in Bengaluru, with multiple centres spread across India to make cancer care accessible and affordable.

With an eye on end-to-end delivery of cancer care, Dr. Ajaikumar acquired Triesta, a leading molecular diagnostic lab. Today, HCG is at the forefront of molecular diagnostics and incorporating genomics to facilitate precision medicine.

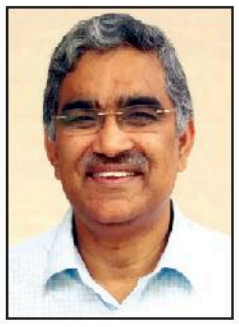
Led by his interest in the fertility space in India, he partnered with Dr. Kamini Rao, under the Milann brand name, and established multiple centres across India. While HCG has established 26 comprehensive cancer care centres, Milann is soon expected to grow to 10 centres.

Dr. Ajaikumar, a recipient of many prestigious awards, continues to encourage and mentor other doctors and entrepreneurs in their own specialties. Today, under his leadership, cancer care in India has seen a paradigm shift. Being a social entrepreneur and philanthropist, he has incepted several NGOs engaged in phenomenal developmental work in Gundlupet district, Karnataka.

A Doctorpreneur, Eminent Radiation & Medical Oncologist and Executive Chairman of HCG, Dr. Ajaikumar is an avid marathon runner and a voracious reader.

Prof. S.M. Shivaprasad

Prof. S.M. Shivaprasad did his Post-Doctoral Research at Sussex University, following his Ph.D and Master's from Karnatak University. He currently serves as Dean at IIT Dharwad and has previously been Director of Karnataka State Higher Education Academy, Professor at Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research and Scientist at National Physical Laboratory.



He has an Honorary Doctorate from VSK University, Young Scientist Award from President of India, Raja Ramanna Senior Scientist Award and Fellowship at Karnataka Science and Technology Academy. Prof. Shivaprasad has also been a Visiting Scientist at NIST, Rutgers, Tohoku and ULM Universities. He represents India at World Materials Research Forum, International Cooperation for Nanotechnology and International Union for Vacuum Science and Technology.

Prof. Rajendra Chenni

Prof. Rajendra Chenni, formerly Professor of English at Kuvempu University, Karnataka, is presently Director, Manasa Centre for Cultural Studies in Shivamogga. The Centre provides training to scholars in multidisciplinary research.

A bilingual author with 21 books in Kannada and 7 in English to his credit, he has written for several journals and publications on socio-cultural and political issues. His areas of interest are cultural studies, history and literary theory. His works in English include 'Traditions of Modernity,' 'Speaking for Someone,' 'Of Many Worlds,' 'Speaking for Karnataka' (co-editor), 'Mud Town' (a novel), 'Vachanas of Sarvajna' (General Editor). Recently Manipal Universal Press published 'State Matters: Kannada Sub-nationalism and State Formation (2023).' His work as literary and cultural critic in Kannada has been recognised with several awards including Karnataka State Sahitya Akademi Award for Lifetime Achievement, D.R. Bendre National Award for contribution to criticism, G.S. Shivarudrappa Award, Inamdar Award and B. A. Sridhara Award for criticism in Kannada. He has been convenor of Communal Harmony Forum, Karnataka and Dakshinayana, Karnataka, Writers Movement against Fascism.

Lavanya Prasad

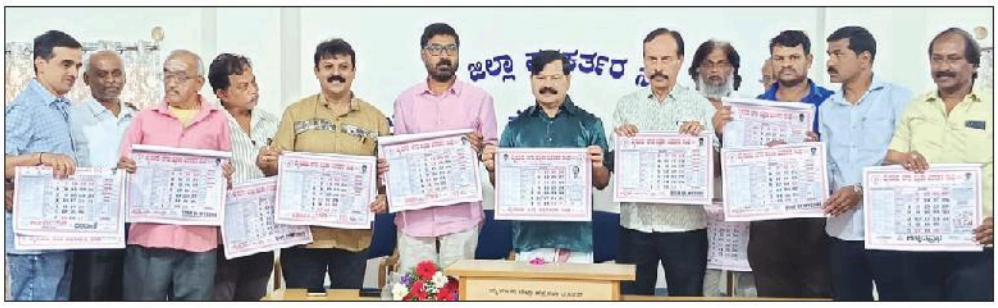
Lavanya Prasad is an Electrical Engineer-turned-professional story-teller and believes she makes long-lasting connections using stories than electrical wires. She has been telling stories since 2011 through her organisation Talescope *(www.talwescope.in)* which works with children, adults and senior citizens using stories as a medium.

A trained Bharatanatyam and classical music exponent, Lavanya's style of story-telling infuses these and her interest in mythology and folklore in her performances. Her workshops have been selected in international and national story-telling festivals and conferences, the most recent in international being South Korea where she was invited to hold a workshop on "The art of telling stories to senior citizens" to story-tellers and story-lovers from across the world.

As part of an International Storytelling Conference, Indonesia, she spearheaded the Ramayana presentations as a cultural collaboration between Indian and Indonesian story-tellers. She was also invited to present stories in Villu Paatu style for children and parents as part of a Children's Literature Fest in Sri Lanka.

Her project, 'Roots with senior citizens' has been acknowledged and appreciated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Lavanya strongly believes that stories are the building blocks for a better nation and works extensively with teachers across boards in training them to use stories as a tool to create a positive impact to the students.

Newspaper Distributors Assn. releases calendar



Mysuru, Jan. 18 (MTY&BS)- Former Minister S.A. Ramdas released the calendar of the year 2025 brought out by Mysuru City Newspaper Distributors Association, at Pathrakartara Bhavan in the city yesterday.

Ramdas said, calendars have become an integral part of life, playing a key role in the daily activities. There are variety of calendars in the world, but the Gregorian (English) calendar is largely used, for the ease of identifying the years. Like several other organisations, Newspaper Distributors Association too has also published a calendar, which deserves an appreciation.

Efforts have been made to bring the newspaper distributors, who belong to unorganised sector, under PM SVANidhi Scheme, under which thousands of newspaper distributors across the State have been benefited. In the coming days, the newspaper distributors in the district and other places should focus on tapping the benefits under the scheme.

Mysuru District Journalists Association President K. Deepak said, the day begins with a look at the calendar, which is not just about numericals, but also a decisive part of life. "We have been obtaining everything for free, but peace, the efforts towards finding the same within begins by looking at the calendar. We should think about correcting our mistakes and lead the life," he said.

Senior newspaper distributors were felicitated on the occasion. Mysuru City Newspaper Distributors Association President B. Suresh, *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Circulation Manager T.S. Gopinath and Association office-bearers were present.

'Hejje-Gejje' National Dance Festival held

Actress Girija Lokesh and Guru Mysore B. Nagaraj of Articulate Trust for Arts, Bengaluru, who were conferred with 'Kannada Ratna' awards during the 27th 'Hejje-Gejje' National Dance Festival organised by Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters at Kalamandira in city recently, are seen with** (from left) **Vidu. Soumya Sridhar Jain of Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters, Kshemavana Director Shraddha Amith (daughter of Dr. Veerendra Heggade), Bharatiya Jain Milan National Vice-President D. Anitha Surendra Kumar, Art Historian Ashish Mohan Khokar, Kannada and Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Bharatiya Jain Milan National Working President D. Surendra Kumar and Vid. Sridhar Jain of Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters. Picture right shows Vidwan Sridhar Jain and his daughter Lasya Jain presenting 'Shiva Tandava' during the occasion.

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (MK&VNS)- An amazing 'Shiva Tandava' performance, felicitation to achievers, students displaying their talents, were the highlights of 27th 'Hejje-Gejje' National Dance Festival organised by Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters at Kalamandira here recently.

More than 200 artistes presenting 'Shiva Tandava' dance mesmerised the audience present at the venue.

Earlier, 'Kannada Ratna' award was conferred on Actress Girija Lokesh and Guru Mysore B. Nagaraj of Articulate Trust for Arts, Bengaluru while 'Hejje Gejje Nritya Ratna' award was presented to Central Sangeet Natak Akademi's Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar recipients Dr. Vasanth Kiran of Bharata Kalagrama, Natya Gurukula, Kolar and Dr. Laxminarayan Jena of Articulate Dance Studios.

Also, 'Hejje Gejje' award was presented to Vid. Nidhaga Karunad & Vidu. Rachana Karanik couple of Sri Purandara International Trust Karunada Gurukula, Bengaluru, Vid. Nikhil Ravi Parmar of Kathak Tarana, Bengaluru and Vyshali Chandraprabhu of Jwalamala News, Mysuru.

Dr. Kamalamma of Srinivasa Maternity Home (Mysuru), art patron & veena player Revathi Kamath (Bengaluru), artiste Bhagya Ajaikumar (Mysuru) and Raju Jain of CYIENT DLM (Mysuru) were also felicitated on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, chief guest D. Surendra Kumar, National Working President, Bharatiya Jain Milan, appreciated the contributions of Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters to fine arts for the past 27 years.

"Mysuru is not only the cultural city but a sacred land for culture where people have given special status for fine arts. There is a need to encourage fine arts besides identifying various contributions," he added.

Art Historian Ashish Mohan Khokar, Department of Kannada and Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Vid. Sridhar Jain and Vidu. Soumya Sridhar Jain of Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters and others were present on the occasion.

Concerts in memory of violin legends Piteelu Chowdiah and Parur MSG

Mysuru, Jan. 18- Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha has organised following concerts at its premises on JLB Road in city:

Jan. 19 at 6 pm: Piteelu Chowdiah Day Endowment by Piteelu Chowdiah Samsmarana Vedike Convener Mayura & Vid. Chandan Kumar.

Conferring of title 'Dhanur Vainika Brahma' on Dr. L. Subramaniam in memory of Piteelu Chowdiah by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar. It will be followed by a Violin Concert by Dr. L. Subramaniam accompanied by Vid. DSR Murthy on mridanga and Vid. Sai Charan on morching.

Dr. L. Subramaniam

Vid. Ramana Balachandran

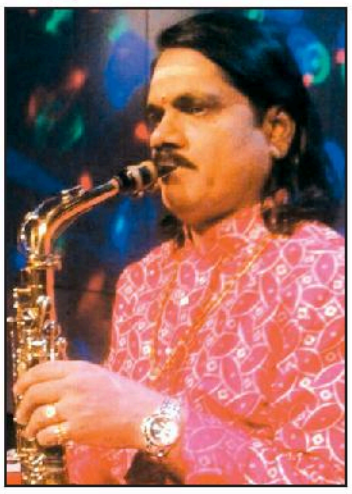
Jan. 24 at 6 pm: Paruru Parampare, an endowment in Memory of Parur Somasundaram, Ananta Raman and Parur MSG, sponsored by Vid. H.K. Narasimha Murthy.

Veena Concert will be presented by Vid. Ramana Balachandran accompanied by Vid. Patri Satish Kumar on mridanga and Vid. G. Guruprasanna on kanjira.

Saxophone recital at BVB Mysuru

Mysuru, Jan. 18- As part of its 142nd Cultural Outreach Programme, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru, in association with BVB Bengaluru and Infosys Foundation, Bengaluru, has organised a saxophone recital by Vid. Sridhar Sagar at BVB Mysuru Kendra in Vijayanagar 1st Stage at 6 pm today (Jan. 18).

He will be accompanied by Mohan Tumkur on tabla, Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga, Sharath Aarohan on keyboard and Manjunath Bhat on rhythm pad.



Vid. Sridhar Sagar

Kho Kho World Cup - 2025

Indian women, men storm into semi-final

New Delhi, Jan.18 (Agencies)- The Indian Women's and Men's Teams yesterday stormed into semi-final of the first ever Kho Kho World Cup - 2025 being held at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi.

While the Indian women secured a commanding 109-16 over Bangladesh in the quarter-final, the men in blue beat Sri Lanka 100 - 40.

At first, led by captain Priyanka Ingle, the Indian women's team showcased their dominance throughout all four turns, including an impressive Dream Run in Turn 2 that lasted over five minutes. The side continued their remarkable streak of scoring 100+ points, making this their fifth consecutive match to cross the century mark in the tournament. The victory sets up an eagerly anticipated semi-final clash scheduled for Saturday, January 18.

Later, in their quarter-final clash against Sri Lanka, the Indian men's team led by the likes of Ramji Kashyap, Pratik Waikar and Aditya Ganpule, scored comfortable win against Sri Lanka. They prevented the Sri Lankans from scoring a single point via Dream Runs, ensuring a strong start to the game at the end of the first turn.

The Sri Lankans worked hard in Turn 2, with Aniket Pote and leading the charge, alongside Aditya Ganpule.

Ramji Kashyap joined the party soon after for his team, but the Sri Lankan attackers were no less. They ensured that the Indian team members were not settled throughout the second turn, getting the Indians in crucial moments of the turn, but this wasn't enough as the Indians already had a substantial lead by then, giving them a strong platform at the start of Turn 3.

In Turn 3, there was an attacking barrage by the Indians. Siva Reddy, V. Subramani, the Wazir Pratik Waikar got a plethora of sky dives and pole dives to keep the Sri Lankans quiet. The onus was on the Sri Lankans but they were not allowed to take any initiative, as the Indians reached 100 points at the end of the third turn, almost ensuring their place in the semi-final of the Kho Kho World Cup-2025.

Pabani Sabar joined Aniket Pote and Siva Reddy in the first batch of the final turn of the match. As the match ended with the score 100-40, the Indians secured a place in the semifinals with much ease.

Indian Women's Team Captain Priyanka Ingle in action. Picture right shows Men in Blue who won against Sri Lanka.

In the semi - finals, Indian Women will take on South Africa at 7 pm and the Men in Blue will also face South Africa at 8.15 pm today.
Catch the live action on **Star Sports, Disney+Hotstar and DD Sports.**

Pro-Tec Challengers emerge champions

Pro-Tec Challengers won the 21st Pro-Tec Cup 2024, a District-level basketball tournament for U-13 boys organised by Pro-Tec Association (PTA) in city recently. Seen are** (kneeling from left) **Atharva, Lohith, Dhawan, Dushyanth, Surya, Drona and Divith.** (Standing from left) **Chief guest Kumar, Dheeraj, Rohith, PTA Secretary Sethuram, PTA President K.S. Satish, Captain Achutha, chief guest C.V. Ravishankar, Dhanush, Pro-Tec Challengers President N. Brijesh Patel and Divyananda. Achutha of Pro-Tec and Renish from KGK Basketball Club bagged upcoming player award. KGK Club bagged 2nd place, All Stars Academy - 3rd and National Sports Club - 4th.

2nd Nagraj Rao Jagdale Shooting Competition

Mysurean wins silver in Senior Masters

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (BCT)- **Jammada Preeth Appaiah**, a resident of Bannimantap in city, won a silver medal in the Senior Master's Women's Category at the 2nd Nagraj Rao Jagdale Shooting Contest and Championship-2025.

The event was held from Jan. 12 to 26 at the Sports Authority of India Shooting Range in Bengaluru, which the Karnataka State Rifle Association organised to promote Sports Shooting in Karnataka State and to have a State Ranking. Preeth won the medal in (A-103) .177 Open Sight10 M Air Rifle Senior Master's Women's (NR) Category.

Jammada Preeth Appaiah

Preeth Appaiah is a Mysuru Sports Shooting Academy (MSSA) student. In 2023, she achieved a remarkable feat by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain peak in Africa. Preeth is the wife of advocate Jammada M. Aiyanna.

Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival at Rangayana

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 18)

Kindarijogi premises - 5.30 pm: Janapada Utsava, Suggi Kunita and Huttari Kolu by Abhinaya Kala Milana Charitable Trust, Bhagamandala; Dollu Kunita by S. Ramya and troupe, Mysuru.

Bhoomigeeta - 6.30 pm: Staging of Kannada play 'Dashanana Swapnasiddhi' by Bhalire Vichitram, Sagara.

Kiru Rangamandira - 7 pm: Staging of Malayalam play 'Tamasha' by Calicut University Little Theatre, Thrissur.

Vanaranga - 7 pm: Staging of Kannada play 'Talki - Truth Dream Via Bangalore' by Payana Rangatanda, Bengaluru.

Kalamandira - 7.30 pm: Staging of English play 'Kabuliwala Calling' by Bangalore Little Theatre Foundation, Bengaluru.

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 19)

B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi - 10 am onwards: National Symposium on 'Social Justice - Movements and Theatre'; **5.30 pm:** Valedictory - Poet & playwright Prof. H.S. Shivaprakash delivers valedictory address.

Sriranga - Children Film Fest - 10.30 am to 12 noon: 'The Silent Child' (2016) - 20 min (English) - Director: Chris Overton; 'Sing' (2016) - 25 min (Hungarian) - Director: Kristóf Deák; **12 noon to 1.30 pm:** 'Class Divide' (2015) - 74 min (English) - Director: Marc Levin; **2 pm to 4.30 pm:** 'Seven Years in Tibet' (1997) - 136 min (English) - Director: Jean-Jacques Annaud.

Kindarijogi premises - 5.30 pm: Tulu Cultural Dance by Navodaya Samskruthika Kalamela, Udupi; Lambani Dance by Shobha and troupe, Shivamogga.

Bhoomigeeta - 6.30 pm: Staging of Hindi play 'Unchayi' by Seagull Theatre, Assam.

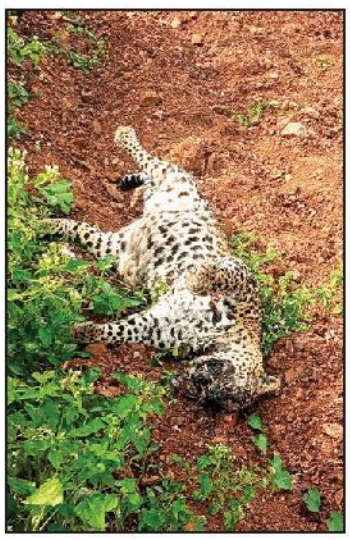
Kiru Rangamandira - 7 pm: Staging of Kannada play 'Ayaan Shanthi Kutira' by Samathentho, Mysuru.

Vanaranga - 7 pm: Staging of Kannada play 'Keri Hadu' by Savithri Baphule Stree Shakthi Tanda, Dindiganur, Hassan.

Kalamandira - 7.30 pm: Staging of Kannada play 'My Family' by Rangayana Repertory, Mysuru.

Two leopards dead: Poison, snare traps spark outrage

Forest Department denies shielding accused; action to be taken: DCF



Mysuru, Jan. 18 (MTY&VNS)- Separate incidents of two female leopards being found dead have emerged in Mysuru.

One leopard died after being caught in a snare, while the other succumbed to poisoning, allegedly after consuming chicken laced with poison. Despite the incidents occurring in November and December last year, the Forest Department is yet to take decisive action to arrest the culprits, though formal cases have been registered.

The first incident, reported on Nov. 22, involved a female leopard that was seriously injured after being trapped in a snare set to capture wild boars on a farm near Mandakalli.

Upon receiving the information, forest officials rushed to the site, rescued the leopard and transferred it to the Chamundi Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre at Koorgalli. However, the leopardess succumbed to its injuries two days later. Following this, the Forest Department registered an FIR against Nagendra, Raghavendra, and Krishnaiah.

The second incident, reported on Dec. 12, involved the recovery of a female leopard's carcass from a farm in Udbur. During their investigation, forest officials, aided by a dog squad, traced the source to a poultry farm located just 200 metres from where the carcass was discovered.

A bottle of poison was recovered from the farm and the post-mortem confirmed that the poison found in the bottle matched the substance in the leopard's body. Investigations revealed that the leopardess had consumed chicken laced with poison.

Subsequently, a case was registered against veterinarian Dr. Mruthyunjaya, who operated the poultry farm and also against the land-owner.

Wildlife enthusiasts outraged

Wildlife enthusiasts have expressed outrage over the deaths of the leopards and are demanding stringent action against the accused. They have accused the Forest Department of shielding the culprits and voiced frustration over the delay in making arrests, despite the filing of FIRs.

However, the Forest Department has denied these allegations, asserting that both cases are being investigated diligently.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, DCF Dr. K.N. Basavaraju stated, "On receiving information, the Department conducted a thorough investigation and filed cases against the accused as per the law. There is no question of protecting anyone in the case."

Leopard spotted at Lingambudhi Lake; No operation to capture it

Combing operation at Infosys withdrawn; all employees called for work from Jan. 20

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (MTY&BCT)- A leopard was spotted at Lingambudhi Park on the banks of Lingambudhi Lake near Ramakrishnanagar early this morning, creating a stir among morning walkers. The Forest Department was immediately alerted and the Park gates were temporarily closed to restrict public entry.

According to residents and the Forest Department, CCTV footage from a house in Preethi Layout captured a female leopard with two cubs at 2 am today. The layout is located adjacent to the Lingambudhi Reserve Forest. Beat guards patrolling the Lingambudhi Lake area had also spotted the leopard yesterday at around 7.30 pm while strolling inside the Park.

Forest officers clarified that the Lingambudhi Lake area and the adjoining jungle are classified as Reserve Forest, which is the natural habitat of leopards. Consequently, there will be no operation to capture the animal.

"Leopards are free to roam inside the forest. However, we advise morning and evening walkers to remain cautious and avoid walking near bushy areas and trees," a Forest Officer informed *Star of Mysore*.

To ensure public safety, warning tapes will be installed to prevent walkers from venturing into bushy areas. "The Lingambudhi Lake area typically sees heavy footfall between 5.30 am and 9.30 am, as well as from 3 pm to 6.30 pm. Our guards and staff are actively raising awareness to discourage people from approaching bushes in their quest for fresh air," the officer added.

Infosys operation called off

Meanwhile, the leopard capture operation at Infosys Mysuru has been called off after no evidence of leopard activity was detected over the past 10 days. Despite the use of camera traps, drone cameras, CCTV cameras within the campus and combing searches, there has been no sign of movement, footprints or any other indication of the leopard's presence.

Similarly, no leopard movements have been observed in the areas surrounding the Infosys campus. The operation included aerial searches conducted with two drones and involved a veterinary team, according to a press note from the Forest Department. Due to the absence of direct or indirect evidence of the leopard's presence, the operation has been discontinued.

The Forest Department has issued necessary advice and instructions to enhance the security of the Infosys campus and implement precautionary measures to prevent such incidents in the future. Continuous monitoring with thermal drones during nighttime has been recommended, as per the press note.

As a result, Infosys employees who had been working from home since Dec. 31, 2024, have been instructed to return to work starting Monday, Jan. 20, 2025. Additionally, over 7,000 trainees who had been sent home to work due to the leopard scare will also need to report back to the Infosys campus on Monday.

Mandya to get Agricultural University: Law Minister

Bengaluru, Jan. 18- Ending the long wait of farmers of Old Mysuru region, the State Cabinet on Thursday decided to set up a new Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences University at Vishweshwaraiah Canal Farm (popularly known as V.C. Farm) campus located near Mandya on Mandya-Melukote road.

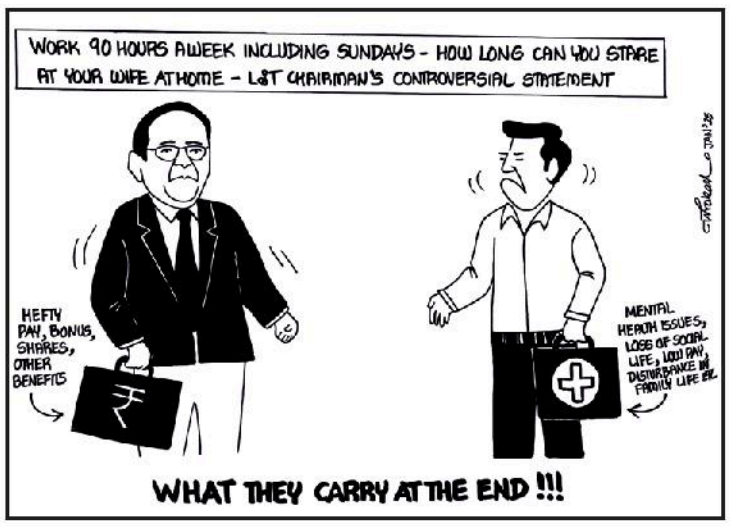
Announcing this at a press meet after the Cabinet meeting here, Law Minister H.K. Patil said that at present, the V.C. Farm campus houses the College of Agriculture. The cost of the new University is estimated at Rs. 285.89 crore.

The new University will include the present Agriculture College at V.C. Farm, Agriculture College, Hassan, Agriculture College, Chamarajanagar, College of Forestry, Ponnampet and College of Horticultural Sciences, Mysuru, which currently comes under Bagalkot Horticultural University.

The new University will have jurisdiction covering Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu districts, Patil said adding that the Agricultural University will come up on the Model of Shivamogga University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences.

TEASER

By N. Prakash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WORD OF THE DAY

Deus ex machina

Pronunciation: DAY-us-eks-MAH-kih-nuh (Noun)

Meaning: A deus ex machina is a character or thing that suddenly enters the story in a novel, play, movie, etc., and solves a problem that had previously seemed impossible to solve.

Origin: The New Latin term deus ex machina is a translation of a Greek phrase and means literally "a god from a machine." Machine, in this case, refers to the crane (yes, crane) that held a god over the stage in ancient Greek and Roman drama. The practice of introducing a god at the end of a play to unravel and resolve the plot dates from at least the 5th century B.C.; Euripides (circa 484-406 B.C.) was one playwright who made frequent use of the device. Since the late 1600s, deus ex machina has been applied in English to unlikely saviours and improbable events in fiction or drama that bring order out of chaos in sudden and surprising ways.

Example: "The poultry thieves in Emma provide a particularly humorous example of deus ex machina: the arrival of a poultry thief into the surrounding area (on the penultimate page of the novel, no less) and his theft of Mrs. Weston's turkeys frightens Mr. Woodhouse enough to consent to Emma's marriage and to allow Mr. Knightley to move into Hartfield." — Inger Sigrun Bredkjær Brodey, Jane Austen & the Price of Happiness, 2024.

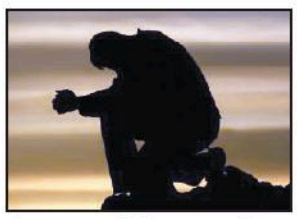
THE ODD WORD

Obesophobia

Fear of gaining weight.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Strike Out



Meaning: To 'Strike Out' means to fail at something.

Origin: Though many believe that the origin of the phrase "Strike Out" comes from the late 1800s when American baseball was first becoming popular and "striking out" referred to the failure of a batter to put the baseball in play. The term actually has its roots in the early 1500s, when it was used as a term describing the act of cancelling or erasing.

Example: "Last semester, my assignment was perfect, but I struck out this time."

QUOTE BOX

A single twig breaks, but the bundle of twigs is strong. **– Tecumseh**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

LILATEFE

Answer: Late in life.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Auto Flight Sys.
4 Performance Mgmnt. Sys.
7 U-turn from NNE
10 Bare or scant
11 Shoe box letters
12 A word of regret
14 Brothers (archaic); fellow members
16 Biblical woman
17 Yes vote in the Parliament ?
18 Choose
19 Terra firma
20 Come together
21 Some promos
22 Use it to open a lock
24 Gave as a grant; gifted
28 Masculine pronoun
29 Marked wrong
30 Agri. Resch. Inst.
31 Amitabh, Jaya & Pran starrer
33 Strike lightly
34 Assistance
35 Loan instalment
37 Glass solid which refracts light
40 What's left after burning
41 Order of St. Augustine
44 Italian painter Guido - "rine" anagram?
45 Pardoned of sin
47 You too in Latin (2,2)
48 Scottish river
49 Airlines Electronic Engineering Comm.
50 Caliginous?
51 Officers Training School, acronym
52 Large vase

DOWN

1 Eagle's nest
2 Not confined
3 Put or lay or stand in certain position ?
4 Puzzled by difficulties
5 Come into contact
6 Mihir ___ : first Indian to swim the English Channel?
7 Indian goddess of wisdom
8 Run words together in speech
9 SI unit of power
10 IIM grad
13 Librarian's admonition
15 Garden tool
19 Old name for Tokyo
20 Physical training facility
21 Talks to
22 Frequency unit
23 Electronic Industries Assoc.
25 Maiden name prefix
26 Historical period
27 Immerse in water
32 Mr Morrison of the Doors
36 Electrical conductance unit
37 Before or ahead of
38 In short, no more on active duty?
39 Former currency of Peru
40 Help a felon
41 Six deliveries
42 Observed one letter out of seven
43 Aide-de-camp, in short
45 Fuss, bother
46 Fiji island

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWER

C	A	G	E	■	S	E	A	■	E	L	B	A
H	O	A	R	■	M	A	R	■	B	U	L	B
A	P	N	A	■	E	R	G	■	O	T	O	E
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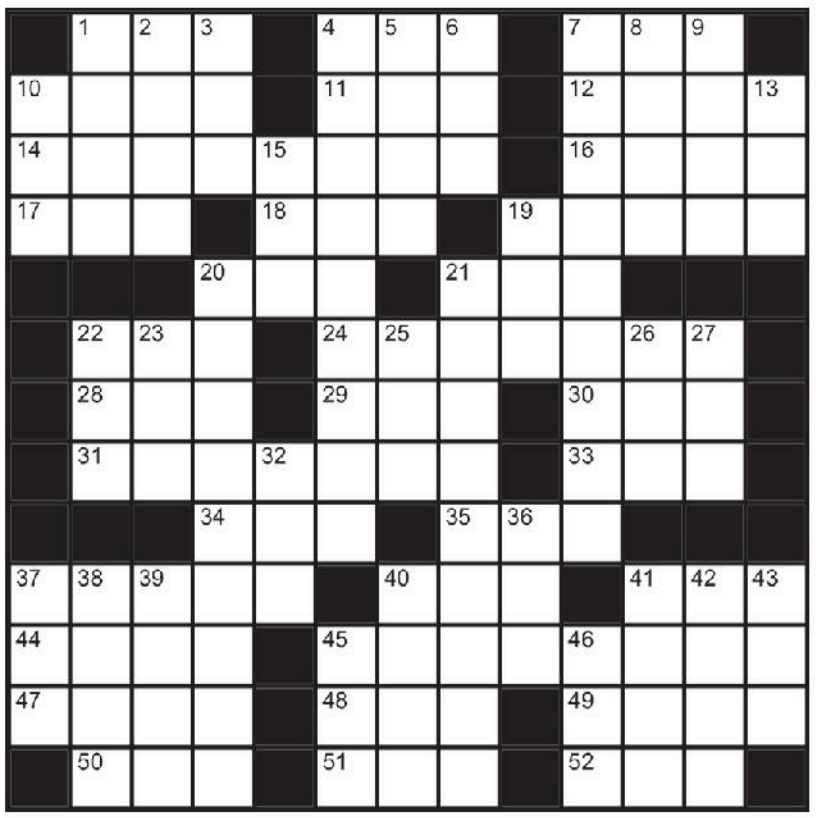

SUDOKU

			7	5	9	1		
8							3	
					3		5	7
	8	1		2		7		
7								2
		2		1		5	4	
9	6		1					
	1							4
		4	8	6	2			

Answer to previous puzzle

9	1	6	5	8	7	2	3	4
7	2	3	1	4	9	8	6	5
8	5	4	6	2	3	9	7	1
3	9	1	2	7	5	6	4	8
4	8	2	3	6	1	7	5	9
6	7	5	8	9	4	1	2	3
1	4	9	7	3	6	5	8	2
5	6	8	4	1	2	3	9	7
2	3	7	9	5	8	4	1	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LUXPD AI X SXZ CN YTGGAVY GUT XVISTP 'ZTI'

SAGUCJG XIRAVY X LKTXP HJTIGACV.

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS G

Wednesday's Cryptoquip: People carry to such perfection the mask they have assumed that in due course they actually become the person they seem.

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Daaku Maharaaj (Te) - 4 Shows

Padma Theatre **Ph: 2521923**
Vanangaan (Ta) - 4 Shows

Thibbadevi Theatre **Ph: 2452958**
Marco (H) - 4 Shows

Sangam Theatre **Ph: 2520494**
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Choo Mantar (K) - 4 Shows

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Choo Mantar (K) - 4 Shows

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Fateh (H) - 4 Shows

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Choo Mantar (K)	(S-1)	10.05 am, 9.50 pm; (S-2) 7.15 pm
Game Changer (Te)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha - 2 (K)	(S-1)	4.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Kannamuche Kaadegoode (K)	(S-2)	10.35 am
Madha Gaja Raja (Ta)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Sankanthiki Vasthunam (Te)	(S-2)	4.20 pm
Ennu Swantham Punyalan (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	(S-3)	10.35 am
Kadhalikka Neramillai (Ta)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Azaad (H)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Pravinkoodu Shappu (Ma)	(S-3)	10.15 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Max (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Emergency (H)	(S-4)	4.05 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve Javaabdaararu (K)	(S-3)	4.25 pm

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Choo Mantar (K)	: 10.45 am, 1.30 pm, 3.50 pm 6.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Emergency (H)	: 10.45 am, 1.15 pm, 4 pm, 9.30 pm
Ravanapura (K)	: 11 am
Max (K)	: 1.20 pm, 9.15 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha - 2 (K)	: 1.25 pm, 4.15 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.10 pm
Kanna Muchhe Kaade Goode (K)	: 4 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	: 6.35 pm
UI (2024) (K)	: 6.35 pm

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Sankranthiki Vasthunam (Te)	: 10 am, 4.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Emergency (H)	: 10.15 am, 3.50 pm, 6.55 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	: 10.30 am, 4 pm, 9.30 pm
Wolf Man (E)	: 10.30 am, 4.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha - 2 (K)	: 11.15 am, 1.25 pm, 6.55 pm, 10.10 pm
A Real Pain (E)	: 12 noon, 8.10 pm
Game Changer (Te)	: 12.55 pm
Azaad (H)	: 1 pm, 6.40 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	: 1.20 pm
Max (K)	: 2.05 pm, 7.45 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	: 4.50 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	: 4.55 pm
Satya (H)	: 10 pm
Nosferatu (E)	: 10.15 pm

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Choo Mantar (K)	: 9.50 am, 12.45 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.35, 9.30 pm
Emergency (H)	: 10 am, 1.05 pm, 6.55 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha - 2 (K)	: 10.20 am, 2 pm, 4.35 pm, 7.10 pm
Azaad (H)	: 10.55 am, 10.30 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	: 12.55 pm
Max (K)	: 4.10 pm, 10 pm
Sankranthiki Vasthunam (Te)	: 4.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Game Changer (Te)	: 7.10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 18)

Phoenix International Academy: Exhibition of works of late S.R. Iyengar who was one of the 6 Mysore Palace artists and late H.S. Phatak who was renowned Portrait Artist and Sanskrit Scholar, Research Assistant at Oriental Research Institute (ORI), Phoenix International Academy, KRS Road, next to Mandovi Motors, **up to 7.30 pm.**

Silk Fab: Exhibition-cum-sale of handloom products, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **up to 8 pm.**

Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University: 7th, 8th and 9th Annual Convocation, Governor and Chancellor of the University Thaawarchand Gehlot presides, Central Sanskrit University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Srinivasa Varakhedi delivers Convocation address, Minister for Higher Education Dr. M.C. Sudhakar and Music Varsity VC Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote will be present, University premises, JLB Road, **3 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: 'Kathe Kelona Banni-863,' story-telling by G. Mukunda Master, Retd., Headmaster, Sevabharathi School Thirthahalli; Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm and 5.30 pm.**

Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust, Mysuru: Pushya Edition of Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava — Bharatanatyam performances by Vidushi Jyothi N. Hegde & her disciples trained at Lasyaranjana Nrutya Shale, Mysuru and by disciples of Guru Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy trained at Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru — B.K. Achutha, Chairman of Infopine Consultancy Private Limited, Mysuru and Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, chief guests, Champaka Academy, Ramakrishnanagar, **5.30 pm.**

Mysore Athletics Club, Mysuru: Felicitation to journalists & photojournalists — Amshi Prasanna Kumar, C. Mohan Kumar, H.S. Dinesh Kumar, Hampa Nagaraj and H.K. Chandru; Journalist Girish R. Doddamani inaugurates, Club Acting President Dr. C. Krishna presides, University of Mysore DPE Director Dr. C. Venkatesh special invitee, Lions Hall, Oval Grounds, **5 pm.**

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Bengaluru-Mysuru and Infosys Foundation, Bengaluru: Saxophone recital by Vid. Sridhar Sagar, accompanied by Mohan Tumkur on tabla, Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga, Sharath Aarohan on keyboard and Manjunath Bhat on rhythm pad, BVB Mysuru, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm.**

Institution of Engineers-India (IEI): Technical Talk on 'Prompt Engineering' by senior analyst at a leading IT company Dr. B.S. Shobha, IEI Mysuru Chairman Dr. R. Deepu presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram: Swami Mahipalanandaji speaks on 'Insights from Parables of Sri Ramakrishna-2' in English, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**

International Lingayat Youth Forum (ILYF) and Vijayanand Travels: Veerashaiva-Lingayat Global Business Conclave-2025, Musical Evening by actor and playback singers Rajesh Krishnan and Archana Udupa, Maharaja's College Grounds, **7 pm.**

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 19)

Chaitanya Yoga Education and Research Foundation: Silver Jubilee celebrations, National-level Open Yogasana Championship-2025, Jaganmohan Palace auditorium, **8.30 am to 7.30 pm.**

Mysore Literary Association, Mysuru: 6th Mysuru Literary Fest-2025, Dr. P. Sainath, Columnist and Author, inaugurates, Prof. K.C. Belliappa, President, Mysore Literary Association and former Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, presides, Maharaja's College Centenary Hall, **10 am.**

Phoenix International Academy: Exhibition of works of late S.R. Iyengar and late H.S. Phatak, Academy premises, KRS Road, next to Mandovi Motors, **10.30 am to 7.30 pm.**

International Lingayat Youth Forum (ILYF) and Vijayanand Travels: Veerashaiva-Lingayat Global Business Conclave-2025, Panel Discussion, **11 am onwards;** Valedictory, Union Minister of State V. Somanna, Karnataka Minister for Forest Eshwar Khandre, MPs Basavaraj Bommai and Yaduveer Wadiyar, MLAs Vijayanand Kashappanavar, K. Harishgowda and T.S. Srivatsa and others chief guests, **4.30 pm;** Musical Evening by Playback singer Ananya Bhat, Maharaja's College Grounds, **7 pm.**

Sri Bhageeratha Uppara Seva Sangha: Inauguration of the Sangha and releasing of 2025 calendar, Sri Mahadeva Swamiji of Ayyanasaraguru Mutt graces the occasion, former Minister C. Puttarangashetty inaugurates, Sangha President Prof. A. Nagaraju presides, Hotel Govardhan auditorium, Harsha Road, opp. Palace, **11 am.**

Kannada Vikasa Shaikshanika Samajika Samskrutika Samsthe - Nrupathunga Kannada Shale: Pa. Mallesh Memorial Founder's Day, MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah presides, writer Prof. Aravinda Malagatti chief guest, **11 am;** Hindustani Classical Vocal Concert by Pt. Harish Tiwari from Delhi (disciple of *Bharat Ratna* Pt. Bhimsen Joshi) in aid of Nrupathunga Kannada Shale, accompanied by Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Ramesh Dhannur on tabla, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **5 pm.**

District Administration: Mahayogi Vemana Jayanti celebrations, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **11.30 am.**

Swaralaya Sangeetha Samsthe: Book release, Music Therapy Demo, Sri Purandara-Sri Tyagaraja Aradhana Mahotsava, SBM retd. Manager M.Y. Kumar inaugurates, artiste K. Nagaratna chief guest, Swaralaya Sangeetha Samsthe Founder-President Vidu. Dr. Suma Harinath presides, Swaralaya Sangeetha Samsthe Secretary H.S. Srikantamani will be present, Mahajana Education Society Alumni Association, Mahajana High School campus, Jayalakshmipuram, **3 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram: Swami Yukteshanandaji speaks on 'Srimate Saradadevi' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**

N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: Grand Bharatanatyam by Nadavidyalaya Academy of Music and Dance (disciples of Guru Vidu. Mithra Naveen), Sri Prasanna Mahaganapathi Temple, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**

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Sanju Weds Geetha - 2 (K)	: 10.05 am, 1.05 pm, 7.15 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	: 10.10 am, 4 pm
Emergency (H)	: 10.15 am, 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Game Changer (Te)	: 12.40 pm
Pravinkoodu Shappu (Ma)	: 12.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Azaad (H)	: 1.20 pm, 7.25 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	: 4 pm, 10.30 pm
Max (K)	: 4.25 pm

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Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	: 10 am, 10 pm
Sankranthiki Vasthunam (Te)	: 10.10 am, 1.15 pm, 7.10 pm
Emergency (H)	: 10.20 am, 1.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha - 2 (K)	: 11.30 am, 4.05 pm, 7.25 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	: 1.10 pm, 7.35 pm
Ravanapura (K)	: 2.05 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	: 4.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Azaad (H)	: 4.30 pm, 10.10 pm
Kanna Muchhe Kaade Goode (K)	: 4.45 pm
Marco (Ma)	: 7.20 pm

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